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EDUCATION TO ADOLESCENT GIRLS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether various UN organisations in a joint study with the IndianGovernment has emphasised on educating the adolescent girls through non-formal systems in order to achieve universal elementary education in the country; and

(b) if so, the steps being taken in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI)

a) Yes, Sir. The Joint Government of India - UNSystem Education (Janshala) Programme carried out a study titled `Educating Adolescent Girls - Opening Windows` to map experiences on educating adolescent girls through the non- formal system.

b) Government has taken several steps for the education of adolescent girls through various programmes for universalisation of elementary education and women's empowerment such as the District Primary EducationProgramme (DPEP),Lok Jumbish, Janshala and Mahila Samakhya. These programmes have targeted strategies to mainstream adolescent girls into the formal system through bridge courses, camp schools etc. The new centrally sponsored schemes of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA)and EGS & AIE also target adolescent girls. Besides, the Kishori Shakti Yojana under ICDS aims to provide literacy and numeracy skills to adolescent girls through non-formal education.